



United States Department of Agriculture  
Food and Nutrition Service

Southeast Region

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**Reply to**

**Attn. of:** SERO Policy

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**Subject:** Policy Memorandum 210.10-34 (NSLP); 220.8-04 (SBP); 226.20-28 (CACFP):  
Reimbursement for Parent-provided Formula

**To:** All State Directors

National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

School Breakfast Program (SBP)

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Southeast Region

The child nutrition programs reimburse child care centers, family day care homes, emergency shelters, schools, and residential child care institutions for the costs of serving nutritious meals--including the costs of preparation and clean up of meals--to infants. We are revising program policy to recognize the non-food related cost of serving infants by allowing reimbursement for meals containing only infant formula, whether supplied by the caregiver or by the parent.

Please advise your local agencies that reimbursable meals for infants may contain either breast milk or iron-fortified infant formula, or both, supplied by the caregiver or by the parent. However, to receive reimbursement, the caregiver must always offer the infant a complete, developmentally appropriate meal. Because we are recognizing the labor involved in serving meals to infants, the meal must be served and fed to the infant by the caregiver.

Please notify your institutions and implement this policy as appropriate. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

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